

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7-22 have been added and therefore are pending in the present application. Claims 7-16 and 22 are supported by original claims 1-2 and 4 and page 3, lines 28-32 of the specification. Claims 17-21 are supported by pages 6 and 7 of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

I. The Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Calcaterra et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,810,567). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Calcaterra et al. disclose antimicrobial fabrics utilizing a polymer which binds an antimicrobial agent to the fabric. In column 16, Calcaterra et al. disclose the use of lysostaphin as the antimicrobial agent. Specifically, Calcaterra et al. disclose soaking squares (4" x 4") of cotton/polymetacrylic acid with lysostaphin, which results in binding of lysostaphin to the cotton.

However, Calcaterra et al. do not disclose or suggest methods of washing a fabric, comprising contacting the fabric with a detergent composition in an aqueous medium, wherein the detergent compositions comprises (a) an enzyme having lysostaphin activity, (b) a surfactant, and (c) one or more of amylase, arabinase, galactanase, lipase, mannanase, pectinase, protease, and xylanase, as claimed herein.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims overcome these rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

II. The Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as obvious over Blackburn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,762,948). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Blackburn et al. disclose fabric wipes comprising a bacteriocin disinfectant formulation, chalating agent, stabilizer, surfactant, salt and alcohol drying agent.

However, Blackburn et al. do not teach or suggest methods of washing a fabric, comprising contacting the fabric with a detergent composition in an aqueous medium, wherein the

detergent compositions comprises (a) an enzyme having lysostaphin activity, (b) a surfactant, and (c) one or more of amylase, arabinase, galactanase, lipase, mannanase, pectinase, protease, and xylanase.

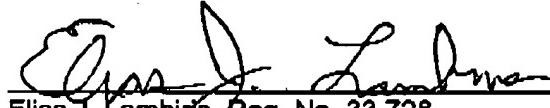
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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